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MEMORANDUM FOR: SE/COF/CE

SUBJECT : SW Message No. 7 from []

1. The following is the translation from the Latvian of S/W message No. 7 from [] who is located in Riga, Latvia. This agent is probably under the control of the RIS.

2. TEXT: RECEIVED MESSAGE NO. 7, HOWEVER YOUR EMPTY WORDS DO NOT GIVE ME ANY SECURITY. WHAT ASSURANCE IS THERE, THAT ALDONA HAS NOT TALKED OR WILL NOT TALK IN THE FUTURE? ARE THERE ANY POSSIBILITIES TO GET OUT OF HERE IF THE SITUATION BECAME CRITICAL? I MENTIONED THIS IN MY PREVIOUS LETTERS. WALTER HAS LIVED FOR MANY YEARS UNDER THE NAME ZEMISTA. YOUR LETTERS ARE READ BY THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES THEM, AND THIS HAPPENS IN CASE SHE IS NOT SURE IF THE LETTER IS MEANT FOR ME OR NOT. PLEASE DO NOT MENTION NON-EXISTENT PERSONS AND FACTS IN YOUR OVERT TEXT. WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH OTHER MEANS(?). TO DEVELOPE YOUR LAST LETTER I HAD TO USE A DEVELOPER THREE TIMES AS STRONG (AS BEFORE). ARE YOU INTERESTED ABOUT THE WIDE SPREAD ANTI AIR TRAINING WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE LATELY? NORTH OF THE VELMA RIVERS (DEVIL'S LAKE) IS AN 100 X 100 M AREA WHICH IS FENCED IN BY A WOODEN FENCE. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT IS BEING BUILT THERE. VERY INTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION WORK IS GOING ON AT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RIGA RR STATION, AND TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE STATION. (note: believed to pertain to the trains or railroad cars)

3. The letter is postmarked 27 July 1958. The S/W text was cabled to Headquarters on 23 Sept. There is no way of telling at the present time when the letter was received in Germany since the accommodation addressee was away on a vacation. There is a note written on the envelope (in German) which says "UPON OUR RETURN FROM VACATION I FOUND THIS LETTER. AT FIRST, HEARTIEST GREETINGS. I WILL SOON WRITE MORE AND WILL SEND THE RAILCOAT FROM VILLAGH IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HEARTIEST GREETINGS, YOUR INGRID." We presume that the note is from the addressee whose first name is Ingrid. The last message we received from AECOR-10 took only two weeks from the time on the postmark to be received at the accommodation address in W. Germany. This letter took approximately nine weeks to reach the accommodation address.

4. In this letter the agent used all of his indicators, however, the status of his use of indicators is so confused that no conclusions may be drawn from them.

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5. Our last message to him mailed 25 June 1958 reads as follows:

I RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE NO. 5 AND NO. 6. WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN FOR YOUR SAFETY ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAD MENTIONED YOUR ANXIETY CONCERNING ALDONAS FAMILY WHEN YOU WERE IN SWEDEN. HOWEVER, SINCE YOU HAVE NOT NOTICED ANY INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE AUTHORITIES WHICH CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE BECOME KNOWN TO YOU BY NOW, I BELIEVE YOU HAVE NO CAUSE FOR ALARM. ALDONA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY AVOID REVEALING ANY INFORMATION TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY BE CONSTRUED BY THEM AS CASTING ANY SUSPICION ON HER. IN MESSAGE NO. 4 WE REMINDED YOU OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU CONCERNING VALDEMARS. WHAT NAME DOES HE NOW USE? WHO BEHINDS YOU READS OUR OVERT TEXTS? PLEASE PRINT YOUR S/W TEXT IN LARGER LETTERS. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS FOR THE HOMETLAND AND OUR THOUGHTS ARE CONSTANTLY WITH YOU AND FOR YOUR SAFETY.

6. The incoming message appears to be aimed at getting the AIS to give up some information or assets. For example, we are requesting to communicate through some other means. In our outgoing we will suggest he give us a different address to send our mail to. The agent also complains that he has to use developer three times as strong to develop his S/W. At this rate he will use up his developer three times as fast as he normally would have been expected to. At this speeded up rate we can still send him twelve more messages. If we continue to correspond with this agent and find he has used up his developer pills, we plan to tell him to use scorch (in which he was trained) to develop. For the present we are reminding him about the technique he should use. His commentary on our overt texts is puzzling since his mother (in Sweden) writes them for us. Presumably his mother would not write about non-existent persons and facts. One possible solution is that although the agent finds himself under control he is trying to tell us not to write about real people since the RIS is keeping track of these people and plans to take some sort of action against them. We are going to take advantage of this situation to ask him to furnish names of friends of his about whom we can write. His opening statement concerning our "empty words" might presage surfacing since this sort of direct criticism has happened in the past with other agents just prior to surfacing. Once again Aldona appears. In our outgoing letter we will inform the agent that we recently have learned that she is no longer a threat to his safety. Another device used in this letter to get some AIS asset or information is the gimmick of asking for a way to get out if the situation should become critical. We are planning to give him a way to get out. Concerning the wide spread anti-air training which he mentions, we feel that the RIS is trying to push this requirement down our throats. We will play this down. Concerning the railroad station construction we feel that asking any questions along this line would only indicate to the RIS that we are testing the agent. It is anyone's guess as to why the construction in the fenced area is being reported on, and he is being requested to report on this only when he is aware of what is going on there.

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7. Our message to the agent is being written with the following objectives in mind:

- a. To keep the RIS interested enough in the case that they do not surface it. Additionally we wish the RIS to think that we still have faith and trust the agent.
- b. To fulfill a moral obligation and protect the agent if we can.
- c. To confuse and if possible to provide deception to the RIS.
- d. To obtain what OI and FI we can.

8. There is probably very little we can do to prevent the RIS surfacing the agent whenever they wish to. If however, they are somewhat undecided, we might provide some impetus to the thought that they might still gain something from running the case. Although this case is being run as a CE case, we are not changing our techniques in including requirements since to do so would tip our hand to the Soviets.

9. The overt text chosen this time is one which mentions no names except the signature of the writer. The facts presented in the body of the letter are ones which would not arouse suspicion since they deal with the way in which the writer spends her day.

10. An extra cover letter is being sent TSS for their analysis. They will try to determine whether or not it is necessary to use three tablets to develop their writing. They have already told us that these tablets do not deteriorate with age. They will also tell us whether we should use a different grade of paper.

11. Concerning long range plans, it has been decided to terminate this case. Depending on what the agent includes in his next letter, we plan to inform him that he should take a rest. We will provide him with bona fides and a meeting place and reactivate him at some future date.

12. Despite the agent's request for assistance in setting up an emergency escape method, we do not wish to give him any plan of escape we do not intend to carry out. To do so would be to tempt the RIS to call our bluff after which it would be extremely difficult for us to terminate him in such a way as to minimize the Soviet propaganda advantage in surfacing him. Hence we suggest that he escape the same way that he did successfully twice before.

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SUGGESTED TEXT FOR AECOB-10.

RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE NO. 7. WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT ALDONA WILL NOT TALK, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SHE WILL BECAUSE WE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT SHE RETURNED FOR LOVE OF HER HUSBAND RATHER THAN BECAUSE SHE WAS DISENCHANTED WITH THE WEST. WE FEEL SHE CAN BE TRUSTED. IF THE SITUATION SHOULD BECOME CRITICAL, ALTHOUGH WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE BEST FOR YOU TO COME OUT THE WAY YOU PREVIOUSLY DID SO SUCCESSFULLY. MEANWHILE WE ARE WORKING ON ANOTHER WAY. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE WEST TO SERVE AS AN EMERGENCY SIGNAL WITHOUT USING YOUR TRUE NAME OR OTHERWISE HAVING SUSPICION FALL ON YOU. CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR LETTERS, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT ONE TABLET IS DISSOLVED IN ONE TEASPOON OR FIVE CUBIC CENTIMETERS OF WATER AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO WAIT FIVE MINUTES FOR THE MESSAGE TO DEVELOPE. WE TRY TO MAKE THE OVERT TEXTS OF OUR LETTERS AS TRUE TO LIFE AS POSSIBLE BUT WITHOUT INTIMATE DETAILS OF YOUR FRIENDS IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE EXACT, AND FOR THIS REASON WE HAVE BEEN USING MOSTLY FIRST NAMES ONLY. PLEASE SEND US A BRIEF LIST OF FIRST AND, IF YOU WISH, LAST NAMES OF PERSONS WHOSE NAMES WOULD NOT APPEAR SUSPICIOUS IN THIS CONTEXT. IF THERE IS SOMEONE YOU TRUST MORE THAN THE PERSON WHO PRESENTLY RECEIVES THESE LETTERS, LET US KNOW HIS OR HER NAME AND ADDRESS AND WE WILL CHECK THEM OUT IN OUR FILES. WE HAVE GOOD GENERAL COVERAGE OF ANTI AIR TRAINING BUT IT MAY BE THAT YOU KNOW A PORTION ABOUT WHICH WE KNOW VERY LITTLE. PLEASE TELL US IN SUMMARY WHAT YOU KNOW AND WE WILL SEND YOU SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS. CONCERNING THE FENCED AREA, WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT IS BEING BUILT INSIDE IT LET US KNOW IF IT FALLS WITHIN OUR INTEREST ON WHICH WE BRIEFED YOU.

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IGNORE THE RAILROAD STATION. LOCATE AND DESCRIBE ANY CONSTRUCTION OR
INSTALLATIONS BETWEEN KILGERAS AND JULIAS EMBERS. OBSERVE THIS FROM THE
TRAIN ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE PENOV RAILROAD BRIDGE CROSSING THE JULIAS
RIVER. REMEMBER THAT EFFORTS FROM PERSONS LIKE YOURSELF ARE WHAT KEEPS
BORN ALIVE FOR A FREE AND INDEPENDENT LATVIA. HEARTFELT GREETINGS.

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